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Fritz Selbmann, Minister for Heavy Industry, allegedly ordered on 20 May 1955 the immediate stoppage of the delivery of potash fertilizer to East German consumers. The people were informed that this stoppage was ordered because the spring cultivation of the fields had been accomplished. The order, however, was allegedly given because East Germany could not keep its export agreements. Moreover, another order has prohibited the inspection of all potash mine shafts, allegedly because of security reasons. An insight into the potash production of the shafts was to be avoided by this means.

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